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1. FOREIGN MINISTER CHRISTIAN REMI RICHARD LEFT ANTANANANARIVO SEPTEMBER 5 FOR PYONGYANG TO ATTEND AN INTERNATIONAL COLLOQUIUM ON THE IDEAS OF DJOUTCHE (SEE REF A) HE IS THEN TO GO ON TO THE US AT UNDETERMINED DATE. HIS APPLICATION FOR AN AMERICAN VISA SAID PURPOSE OF TRIP WAS TO CONSULT WITH MALAGASY EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, BUT ACCORDING TO PRESS TRIP TO US IF FOR PURPOSE OF ATTENDING 32ND UNGA. FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS TOLD ME HE IS ALSO STOPPING MOSCOW BUT THIS HAS NOT APPEARED IN PRESS.

2. NO REQUEST HAS BEEN MADE TO THISEMBASSY FOR APPOINTMENTS FOR MINISTER IN NEW YORK OR WASHINGTON. IF HE WERE TO ASK TO CALL ON SECRETARY, SUCH A MEETING WOULD BE USEFUL AS A MARK OF ATTENTION TO MADAGASCAR AND TO REITERATE AT A HIGH LEVEL OUR POINT OF VIEW ON US/MALAGASY RELATIONS IN CONFIDENTIAL

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ACCORDANCE WITH LATEST GUIDANCE FROM WASHINGTON (REF B). WHILE THIS EXERCISE MIGHT BE ALL THE MORE APPROPRIATE AFTER PRESIDENT RATSIRAKA MADE IT A POINT TO TAKE HARD LINE WITH UPI CORRESPONDENT FOA REF C), I CANNOT CLAIM ANY HIGH DEGREE OF PRIORITY FOR GRANTING THIS APPOINTMENT. BARRETT

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